

ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

A closing element assembly is provided for closing hooking elements within a knitting machine. The assembly has a plurality of closing elements with each closing element having a butt end and a working end. The butt end defines at least one

5 indentation along the length of the butt end. At least one plate is provided for receipt in the indentation. The plate defines closing element channels therein for receipt of a portion of the butt ends of the plurality of closing elements. The plate secures the plurality of closing elements in proper position for cooperating with a plurality of hooking elements of compound needles within a knitting process.